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State disciplines health care providers

OLYMPIA — The Washington State Department of Health has taken disciplinary actions or withdrawn charges against health care providers in our state.

The department's Health Systems Quality Assurance Office works with boards, commissions, and advisory committees to set licensing standards for more than 70 health care professions (e.g., medical doctors, nurses, counselors).

Information about health care providers is on the agency website. Click on "Provider Credential Search" on the left hand side of the Department of Health home page (www.doh.wa.gov). The site includes information about a health care provider's license status, the expiration and renewal date of their credential, disciplinary actions and copies of legal documents issued after July 1998. This information is also available by calling 360-236-4700. Consumers who think a health care provider acted unprofessionally are also encouraged to call and report their complaint.

Clark County

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse **Deborah M. Childress** (RN00141697).

Clallam County

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission terminated the order of probation against registered nurse Karren M. Campbell (RN00069981).

Cowlitz County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of **Crystel Marie Baldwin** (NA60164164) and placed her registration on probation for two years. She was convicted of two counts of theft. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her registration.

Grays Harbor County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged certified nursing assistant **Tamra L.** Wareham (NC10080362) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly took Fentanyl patches from patients for her own use, and failed to cooperate with an investigation of the matter.

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King County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **George T. Ayagen** (NA00075749) with unprofessional conduct. He was convicted of assault.

In September 2010 the Massage Program denied the application of **Joleen T. Flint** (MA60167752). Between September 2009 and March 2010, she practiced massage in Washington without a valid license, and advertised herself as a licensed massage practitioner.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Elliott B. Goldenberg** (NA60167038). He was convicted of driving while license suspended or revoked, and driving under the influence.

In August 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacist **Michael S. Jones** (PH00010993) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly authorized and filled prescriptions for his mother at a special price. Allegedly, the prescriber identified on the prescription didn't authorize the prescriptions.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of certified nursing assistant **Annie Viyada Rungsigul** (NC60168321). She was convicted of taking a motor vehicle without permission on more than one occasion, negligent driving, and driving under the influence.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Thomas Scheerens** (RN00124123) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Eric D. Silver** (NA00198269) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly left a resident, who is an Alzheimer's patient and requires full-time care, alone and the patient was found wandering around his building.

Kitsap County

In August 2010 the Board of Pharmacy charged pharmacy technician **Jocelyn R. Horrilleno** (VA00050553) with unprofessional conduct. She was convicted of obtaining a controlled substance by fraud or forged prescription.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Megan Nicole Waters** (NA60170044). She entered into a pre-trial diversion agreement, waivers, and order of continuance in regards to a charge of assault.

Kittitas County

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program denied the application of **Michael L. Rainwater** (NA60049416). He was convicted and entered into deferred sentence for motor vehicle theft.

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Lincoln County

In September 2010 the Emergency Medical Services and Trauma Systems Program charged intermediate life support technician **Amie M. Snider** (ES01165680) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly called fraudulent prescriptions for controlled substances in to several pharmacies, and was convicted of solicitation to obtain a controlled substance by fraud.

Pierce County

In August 2010 the Medical Commission terminated the order of probation against physician **Robert Billings** (MD00013280). Dr. Billings' license is unrestricted.

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission released registered nurse **Ederico B. Mariano** (RN00156875) from terms and conditions set against his license.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Jennifer Pence Rice** (NC10053490) and placed her certification on probation for one year. Terms and conditions were also placed against her registration to practice as a nursing assistant. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

In August 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program terminated the order of probation against **Michael E. Robinson** (HC00153311).

Snohomish County

In August 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Edward J. McDonald** (RN00116640) with unprofessional conduct. He allegedly failed to comply with terms and conditions set against his license.

Spokane County

In August 2010 the Medical Commission released physician **Terrance L. Hauck** (MD00038530) from terms and conditions set against his license. Dr. Hauck's license is unrestricted.

In August 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Trisha R. Pitts** (NA00183835) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly tested positive for controlled substances during a urinalysis and failed to respond during an investigation of the matter.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program charged **Jo Nelle M. Shippy** (NA00040410) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly indicated on a medication log that she had dispensed Hydrocodone to patients but the patients never received the medication.

In September 2010 the Nursing Assistant Program granted the application of certified nursing assistant **Kristy Lynn Tooley Willcockson** (NC60163093) and placed her certification on probation for four years. Terms and conditions were also placed against her registration to

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practice as a nursing assistant. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her certification.

Thurston County

In September 2010 the Licensed Mental Health Counselor Program granted the application of **Laura Yvonne Gustavson** (LH60083789) and placed conditions against her license. While working as a registered counselor, she performed duties that were beyond the scope of duties assigned to her. She must comply with terms and conditions set against her license.

Whatcom County

In September 2010 the Mental Health Counselor Program denied the application of mental health counselor associate **John Henry Del Signore** (MC60133243). He surrendered his license to practice as a professional counselor in Colorado.

Yakima County

In August 2010 the Health Care Assistant Program charged **Tonya Michell Buning** (HC60036330) with unprofessional conduct. She allegedly submitted, and convinced fellow employees to submit prescriptions for controlled substances using different physician's names. These prescriptions weren't authorized by the physicians.

Out of State

Oregon: In September 2010 the Nursing Commission charged registered nurse **Betty Lou Dietrich** (RN00068740) with unprofessional conduct. In December 2009 she voluntarily surrendered her license to practice as a registered nurse in Oregon.

Note to Editors: Health care providers charged with unprofessional conduct have 20 days to respond to the Department of Health in writing. The case then enters the settlement process. If no disciplinary agreement can be reached, the case will go to a hearing.

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